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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

What is claimed is:

1 - 117. (CANCELED)

118. (CURRENTLY AMMENDED) In a multi-user computer network, a method for obtaining and displaying information relating to existence of at least one user of a computer network in an image comprising:
- a. assigning a unique user identification to users of a computer network;
 - b. obtaining image data from at least one user of said computer network;
 - c. assigning a unique image identification to said image data;
 - d. presenting a client interface on a first computer configured for said at least one user of said computer network to provide identifying information wherein said identifying information comprises a user identifier of other users of said computer network;
 - e. obtaining said identifying information from said at least one providing user wherein said identifying information comprises a user identifier of said at least one user of said computer network in said image data and;
 - f. storing said identifying information on a second computer where said identifying information is searchable by a plurality of searching users;
 - g. presenting a search interface to at least one searching user of said plurality of searching users;
 - h. receiving a request for at least one image within said image data from said at least one searching user, where said at least one image comprises at least one result object;
 - i. performing a query that returns said at least one result object found in said image data;

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- j. obtaining data associated with said at least one result object from said second computer in response to said request, said data represents said identifying information provided by said at least one user for said at least one result object, said data further comprising identification information about said at least one user of said computer network; and, presenting said data associated with said at least one result object to said at least one searching user that initiated said request;
 - k. presenting said data associated with said at least one result object to said at least one searching user that initiated said ~~request~~; request. [Period inserted]
119. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of 118, wherein said identifying information further comprises location information that identifies coordinates of said at least one result object.
120. (CURRENTLY AMMENDED) The method of 118, wherein said user identifier in said identification information obtained by said second computer from a user of said computer network is selected from [[a]] relationships between users of said computer network.
121. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of 119, wherein presenting said identifying information further displays identifying information at said coordinates of said at least one result object in said image data.
122. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of 118, wherein upon obtaining said identifying information from said at least one providing user, an email is sent to any email address associated with those users identifiers in said identifying information of said computer network, said email notifying users of said computer network that their user identifier had been associated with said image data.
123. (NEW) In a multi-user computer network, a method for obtaining and displaying information relating to existence of a plurality of users of said computer network in image data stored on said computer network comprising:
- a. assigning unique user identifiers to a plurality users of a computer network;
 - b. obtaining descriptive user information about at least one of said users of a computer network, where said descriptive information is associated with one of said unique user identifiers;
 - c. obtaining image data from at least one user of said computer network;
 - d. assigning a unique image identifier to said image data;
 - e. presenting a client interface on a first computer configured for said plurality of users of computer network to collaboratively provide identifying information

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about which other users of said network appear in said image data, where said identifying information comprises said descriptive user information associated with said users of a computer network;

- f. obtaining said identifying information from said client interface wherein said identifying information comprises said descriptive user information associated with said users of a computer network;
- g. determining from said descriptive information which unique user identifier to be associated with said identifying information;
- h. determining from said identifying information which unique image identifier to be associated with said user identifier;
- i. storing the relationship between said user identifier and said image identifier on a second computer whereby said identifying information is searchable by a plurality of users of said network;
- j. presenting a search client interface to at least one searching user of said plurality of network users, said search client interface allowing said searching user to select from said descriptive information associated with a plurality of network users from which to retrieve identifying information stored on said network;
- k. obtaining said descriptive information from said search client interface;
- l. determining which unique user identifier is associated with said descriptive information obtained from said search client interface;
- m. performing a query that returns image data and descriptive user information associated with said unique user identifier obtained from said search client;
- n. presenting said image data and said descriptive user information to said at least one searching user that initiated said request.

- 124. (NEW) The method of 123, wherein said identifying information further comprises location information describing where within said image data said users of said network appear.
- 125. (NEW) The method of 123, wherein said user identifier or said descriptive user information in said identification information is selected from a list of contact relationships between users of said computer network.
- 126. (NEW) The method of 124, wherein said presenting said image data further displays descriptive user information about network user associated with said image data,

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where said descriptive user information is displayed in relation to said location information.

127. (NEW) The method of 124, wherein upon obtaining said identifying information from said at least one user of said computer network, an email is sent to any email address obtained in said descriptive user information associated with those users identifiers in said identifying information of said computer network, whereby said email notifies users of said computer network that their user identifier had been associated with said image data.